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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. A method for fabricating a sign, comprising the steps of:

material for defining respectively a signage recipient base element and at least one signage donor element; said pieces of element material being of similar substance construction, except for at least one difference in appearance or tactile perception;

determining signage content for said sign;

removing from said recipient base element specific substance configured to represent said signage content, such that there remains as said recipient base element a stencillike base possessing said signage content;

extracting from said signage donor element signage material configured substantially the same as said signage content specific substance of said recipient base element; and

inserting into said stencil-like base recipient
20 element said signage material from said donor element, to
thereby fillin said stencil-like base.

2. The method according to claim 1 in which said step of extracting includes;

cutting from said donor element three dimensional material.

- 3. The method according to claim 1 in which steps of removing and extracting are accomplished by at least one of die cutting and water jet cutting.
- 4. The method according to claim 1 in which said inserting causes said signage material to be integral within said recipient base element.
- 5. The method according to claim 4 in which said inserting is by snap-fit.
- 6. The method according to claim 1 in which one of said pieces having a color different than said other piece; whereby said signage has a color different from said recipient base color.

- 7. The method according to claim 1 in which said selecting is of three said pieces, each said piece having a difference of color; whereby said signage is of two colors, both different from the color of said recipient base.
- 8. The method according to claim 1 in which said difference is of tactile perception and is accomplished by; employing as said signage donor element a material having a surface texture significantly different from the recipient element.
- 9. The method according to claim 1 in which said difference is one of tactile perception, which is accomplished by;

causing said signage material to have a thickness

dimension significantly different than the thickness
dimension of said recipient base element; whereby said
signage is inset or projects from said recipient base.

10. The method according to claim 1 in which said step of determining signage content defines safety signage; and said step of selecting pieces of element material includes selecting for said recipient base material conventional baseboard product; whereby said sign will be suitable for installing as a section of baseboard within a building.

11. The method according to claim 1 further comprising, after said step of removing, the step of; affixing a sticky backing to said recipient base element for the temporary adherence of said signage material in said recipient base element, until said sign is ready for installation.

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12. A sign comprising:

a three dimensioned element which, defines a signage recipient base element,

at least one signage donor element having three 5 dimensions;

said base and donor elements being constructed of similar substance, except for at least one difference in appearance or tactile perception;

said base element containing a stencil-like

10 portion, which is configured to support therein signage

material from said signage donor element; and

three dimensional signage material, from said donor element, inserted into said stencil-like portion of said base element.

13. A sign according to claim 12 in which, said donor element signage material comprises a plurality of sub-parts; and

said stencil-like portion comprises a plurality of separate sub-portions, with each said sub-portion having inserted therein at least one of said plurality of donor element sub-parts.

14. A sign according to claim 13 in which some of said sub-parts are of different colors.

- 15. A sign according to claim 14 in which said recipient base element has a color contrasting from said different colors of said sub-parts.
- 16. A sign according to claim 12 in which said one difference is color.
- 17. A sign according to claim 12 in which said one difference is texture.
- 18. A sign according to claim 12 in which said one difference is in the thickness dimension.
- 19. A sign according to claim 12 in which said signage material is inserted by virtue of snap-fit to become integral within said base element.
- 20. A sign according to claim 12 in which said base element is conventional baseboard product; and said signage has safety content.